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Major General Robert H. Terrill
Director of Operations
Headquarters, Strategic Air Command
United States Air Force
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

Dear General Terrill:

I am in receipt of your letter of 22 September 1956 in which you ask for any comment I would care to make on the performance in his present assignment of [REDACTED]. This is a most belated reply but one that I hope will be of use to you and one which I hope can be made a part of [REDACTED] record. I have had an opportunity under circumstances of which you are aware to observe [REDACTED] work closely over the past year. I have been in a position to appraise his effectiveness in the organization of an Air Force component, the development of a training program and the exercise of command responsibility involving highly diversified activities, and his contribution to the absorption into the Air Force of new equipment and the development of strategic concepts covering rather unusual situations. I have no hesitation in saying that I regard [REDACTED] performance in practically every respect as outstanding.

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He has displayed unusual qualities both of leadership and of accommodation. He has been an effective and respected commander and has always been ready in contacts with organizations other than his own to express his own judgment clearly and to defend it. At the same time his excellent relations with superiors and colleagues have contributed to smooth and harmonious relationships with other organizations.

On frequent occasions I have been aware of his views on matters as diverse as equipments, procedures, strategic doctrine, and personalities. I have been impressed with the penetrating and objective quality of his judgment. I believe he has logical and analytical abilities of a high order.

Everything I know of [REDACTED] character is entirely favorable. His patriotism and sense of duty are of a sort that inspire him to make the greatest contribution of which he is capable to the National

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interest broadly defined, without undue regard to narrower or smaller loyalties.

I would willingly qualify the foregoing remarks by mentioning any specific shortcomings I had observed in [REDACTED]. However, in fact, there are none I could report that are in any way comparable with his admirable qualities. I would unhesitatingly recommend him for continued advancement in his chosen career to positions of progressively greater responsibility and authority.

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Very sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Richard M. Bissell, jr.

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